

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 16, 2010**

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Mark Parke of the Nipomo Faith Life Community Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

Councilmember Orach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Assistant City Manager Haydon, Director of Community Development Appel, Acting Fire Chief Jones, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Police Chief Macagni, Management Analyst II van de Kamp, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

**PROCLAMATION – CESAR E. CHAVEZ DAY**

Councilmember Zacarías read a proclamation declaring March 31, 2010, as:

**“CESAR E. CHAVEZ DAY”**

in the City of Santa Maria, in honor and recognition of his work to improve the lives and needs of migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families. The proclamation was accepted by Gabriel Valencia from MAPA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Ziener spoke about the need for a creative think tank to improve the vitality of Santa Maria and the need for an identity like the full-size replica of the flagship Santa Maria.

Jada Clark, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, thanked the City Council for its support of their programs. She talked about an event planned by the Youth Involvement Group on April 17th to take a stand against alcohol abuse.

Letty Gomez, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, spoke about the Too Good 4 Drugs education program for grades 5 – 9 to educate children about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse.

Diane Lapham thanked the Police Department for help with the drug problem at Riverside Court. She talked about a parking problem at the corner of Preisker and Hidden Pines created when the area was blocked off for work on the levee. She talked about a large hole on the corner of Preisker Park and Hidden Pines from when the fire hydrant was hit. She also talked about being cited for a net she has over her backyard to protect her chickens and peacocks and how rudely she was treated by the City Attorney's Office.

Joan Leon spoke on Consent Agenda Item 3H, Notice of Contract Completion for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. She thanked City Staff and especially Utilities Director Sweet for obtaining the \$4.2 million grant to help cover the ratepayers share of the improvements.

Gwen Wood spoke about the violence in Santa Maria since March 3rd. Some of these crimes were gang related. Between January and June 2009, crime rose in Santa Barbara County 36 percent. She said it was time for the City Council to implement E-verify, 287(g), and obtain a gang injunction to bring law and order back to Santa Maria.

Matt Kokkonen stated he was a candidate for the State Assembly at the June election. He talked about crime in Santa Maria. He favored legal immigration, and opposed illegal immigration. Government had the duty to protect its citizens and residents against invasion and crime. Santa Maria had not carried out this basic duty and had fostered and encouraged an increase in illegal entry and crime.

Larry Bargaquast spoke about the large number of pink slips given to California teachers and the poor rating of California schools. He talked about the number of non-English speaking children in the classrooms. When he started teaching in California 40 years ago, it was a premier education system; now it was in the bottom 50.

Richard Dydell spoke about the status of the H2-A program. He talked about Cesar Chavez and his stand against illegal immigration. He also talked about the E-verify program and hoped Santa Maria would adopt some form of the system.

Ernest Armenta spoke in Spanish to the audience. He talked to the City workers and told them to listen to the budget presentation. He suggested that before any of the employee associations give campaign contributions to candidates, they look at who the candidates associate with.

Paula James stated the American people want comprehensive immigration enforcement. It was promised in 1986 but has never come. The Constitution mandates that Congress regulate and enforce immigration. She said next week the Open Borders groups would be marching on Washington, D. C. to demand immigrant rights and

amnesty. Legal immigrants already had rights and were an asset to the Country. Illegal aliens were not immigrants and were not entitled to special privileges.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent Calendar Items A through J were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cordero, Orach, Patino, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

### **A. ORDINANCES**

The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

### **B. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 2, 2010, were approved as submitted.

### **C. ADDENDUM TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

The City Council approved an Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement to Implement a Contractual Assessment Program in the County of Santa Barbara which was approved on February 16, 2010, for the financing of installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and water efficiency improvements within the City limits.

### **D. WARRANTS**

Warrant Nos. 157218 to 157485 totaling \$1,231,925.87 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant No. 149067, 153360, 155792, and 156213 were cancelled.

### **E. PAYROLL**

Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

### **F. GRANT OF EASEMENT**

Resolution No. 2010-27 was adopted authorizing a grant of easement to Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) across the SMAT Intermodal Transit Center property located at the southeast corner of Miller Street and Boone Street.

Resolution No. 2010-27 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO PG&E FOR A TEN-FOOT WIDE EASEMENT ACROSS THE SMAT INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER PROPERTY.

#### **G. WEED ABATEMENT**

Resolution No. 2010-28 was adopted declaring that weeds, rubbish, refuse and dirt upon or in front of property constitute a public nuisance; commencing proceedings for the abatement of these nuisances; and setting a public hearing for April 20, 2010, to consider any objections or protests to the abatement program.

Resolution No. 2010-28 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT NOXIOUS AND DANGEROUS WEEDS GROWING UPON OR IN FRONT OF THE LISTED PROPERTY, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON OR IN FRONT OF THE LISTED PROPERTY, CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE WHICH MUST BE ABATED, AND COMMENCING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THESE NUISANCES PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 8 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

#### **H. NOTICE OF CONTRACT COMPLETION**

The City Council accepted as complete the public improvements, approved the Notice of Contract Completion for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, Phase II, Bid No. 2008/01, and directed the Chief Deputy City Clerk to record same.

#### **I. NOTICE OF CONTRACT COMPLETION**

The City Council accepted as complete the public improvements, approved the Notice of Contract Completion for College Drive at Boone Street/Jones Street, Bid No. 2009/10, and directed the Chief Deputy City Clerk to record same.

#### **J. NOTICE OF CONTRACT COMPLETION**

The City Council accepted as complete the public improvements, approved the Notice of Contract Completion for 2009 Street Overlay and Reconstruction Project, Bid No. 2009/01, and directed the Chief Deputy City Clerk to record same.

#### **2010 CENSUS UPDATE**

Administrative Analyst II van de Kamp gave the staff report. The national census is taken every 10 years, as required by the United States Constitution, and April 1, 2010, is Census Day. The count includes people of all ages, ethnic groups, and citizens and non-citizens, regardless of legal status, and all census information is confidential. Every year, the Federal government allocates about \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data. Census data guides planning for new hospitals, roads, schools and more, and determines the allocation of community development block grants and other funding essential to many communities, including the City of Santa Maria. Nearly every facet of local government is affected by an accurate picture of its

residents. Forms and reminder notices for the 2010 Census are arriving in mailboxes across Santa Maria and across the nation. The questionnaires should be arriving shortly. The Census Bureau has prepared for the process during the past year by opening an office in Santa Maria, hiring hundreds of local Census employees, walking streets to confirm addresses, printing the questionnaires, and urging household participation.

The major change for this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Census, is that the Census Bureau will no longer use a long form. The 2010 Census will use only a short form asking 10 basic questions, such as name, gender, age, date of birth, race, ethnicity, relationship, and housing tenure. A poster-sized copy of this form is on display in the Santa Maria Public Library. Educating Santa Maria residents about the Census process and its importance is one of the City's essential responsibilities as a Census Partner. Hard-to-count populations who, according to the Census, include migrant farm workers, young people, the homeless, and others, are more likely to mail back their completed Census questionnaires when people that they personally know and trust share the facts about the Census and dispel concerns they may have about confidentiality. Residents need to know that the Census is not concerned about an individual's immigration status. What matters most is that all adults and children are counted as members of our community because everyone in the community stands to benefit from the resources and funding made possible by a complete Census count. If Santa Maria is undercounted, then the community will not receive its fair share of funding. The Census Bureau estimates that every person missed in the count translates to a loss of \$1,400 to \$2,000 in local funding.

The City began a partnership with the Census Bureau one a year ago to assist in local outreach efforts. Staff coordinated a Complete Count Committee open to all community members and groups interested in promoting the 2010 Census. Four meetings have been held – more than any other City in the County – which cumulatively drew nearly 60 different people representing diverse community groups. Those in attendance were asked to carry key Census messages to their community groups, co-workers, employees, families and friends. The City is also cable casting Census information on its government public access Channel 23 (Comcast) through Santa Maria Community Television, spreading awareness through posters aboard SMAT buses and at City facilities, and has Census information on the City Web site and in the Recreation Guide.

Mayor Lavagnino thanked Mark van de Kamp for his work on the Census.

Councilmember Zacarías thanked the representatives from the Census Bureau for their work with the non-profit agencies and for their outreach efforts.

Councilmember Cordero asked about the 5,000 addresses that were referenced in the staff report.

Management Analyst II van de Kamp explained that those were new addresses since the last Census, due to development.

**PREVIEW OF THE 2010-12 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND DIRECTION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PRIORITIZATION OF CITY SERVICES.**

City Manager Ness gave the staff report. Last month, the City Council received the Mid-Year Financial Report. At that time, it was reported that the current General Fund revenues received, through December 31<sup>st</sup>, were \$2.4 million less when compared to the previous fiscal year. Since that report, staff has forecasted the anticipated year-end revenues, and all indications show that 2009-10 General Fund revenues will come in a million dollars less than budgeted. This is significant given the fact that going into this fiscal year revenues were already reduced by \$2.9 million. The current fiscal year's budget deficit was closed by deferring \$2.5 million in cost allocations, \$2.6 million in one-time reserves, \$1.4 million in department cuts, \$900,000 in prior year savings, and \$600,000 in employee concessions. Fortunately, departments have been keeping operational expenses to a minimum, so year-end expenses appear to be coming in at a correspondingly reduced amount. However, looking forward to 2010-12, staff does not anticipate the revenue picture to improve. In fact, staff anticipates that the next two year period will be "more of the same" with respect to the need for deficit financing and the need to rely on a multi-pronged approach to balancing what appears to be another multi-million dollar General Fund budget deficit during each of the next two fiscal years.

The City enters the 2010-12 budget process faced with a staggering \$8 million structural General Fund budget deficit, with on-going revenues projected to be \$49.4 million and operating expenses \$57.4. To address this \$8 million budget deficit, staff will have to utilize a multi-faceted approach to bridge this significant financial gap; namely, the use of one-time reserves, the reduction of operational expenses, the possibility of exploring new revenue sources and the deferral of cost allocations.

This current fiscal year the City Council authorized \$2.5 million in cost allocation deferrals to a number of internal service funds. Out of necessity, staff is proposing a continuance of this process in 2010-12 in order to help mitigate increased operational expenses to the General Fund. Staff will be presenting a number of various financing options to address the projected \$8 million budget deficit. Receiving Council direction on some of the financing options prior to actually compiling the 2010-12 budget will aid staff in producing a budget document that is reflective of Council's priorities. Staff recommends discussing each of the questions individually.

- Whether or not Council will allow staff to investigate new revenue sources and entertain introducing new user fees, specifically, planning fees; and to prepare and update the City's Cost Allocation Plan.

City Manager Ness explained what Planning and Building services the City currently provides at no charge. Staff would like to work with the development community to solicit input on proposed new fees consistent with what some neighboring agencies are charging. These new fees could generate about \$50,000 a year. The second issue is an update to the City's Cost Allocation Plan which has not been updated since 2002. The plan provides reimbursements to the General Fund for those costs incurred in providing services to other departments and other funds.

Jerry Bunin, Home Builders Association, stated Santa Maria has always treated the development community more fairly than any other community. As an Association, they have consistently supported paying their fair share of the cost of development. However, now was not the time to raise fees to get more money. The costs to build a single family residence now was \$50,000 to \$80,000 more than what the unit could sell for. There was a 22 percent unemployment rate in the construction industry. Builders were now looking at \$2,000 to \$5,000 per unit for the "green building program" and between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per unit to implement storm water management. In addition, Santa Maria-Bonita School District was proposing a school fee increase. Construction costs were going up at a time when the ability to sell units was going down. They did not think this was the right time to raise fees.

Ernest Armenta stated after considering Mr. Ness's presentation, he would recommend staff work with the developers on the new fees.

Councilmember Orach stated he reviewed the 2008-09 budget numbers. Two of the things the City of San Luis Obispo and City of Santa Barbara had that Santa Maria did not were Utility Users Taxes and parking revenue. If there were only six residential building permits issued last year, the new user fees would not generate much money. However, he would support having staff investigate it.

Councilmember Patino stated she also did not see that the City would make much money by establishing new fees. The building trades had been hit hard, and she did not want to see Santa Maria become business unfriendly.

Councilmember Zacarías stated as long as it was a fee to recoup actual costs of providing the service, she would support it.

Councilmember Cordero stated a reference to cost recovery was easier for him to support than just implementing new fees. It would not solve the City's budget problems but would help recover some of the costs the City was expending. He would like to see the fees reviewed at some time in the future and not go on forever.

On motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried unanimously, staff was authorized to explore new fees and to update the cost allocation plan.

- o The level at which to continue financial contributions to outside agencies.

City Manager Ness indicated that at last year's Mid-Cycle Budget review the Council and staff had a lengthy discussion regarding contributions to the Historical Society and the Museum of Flight, and Council reduced the contributions to \$15,000. Later, the Council authorized the full amount less five percent to both agencies due to lack of adequate notice, and advised the agencies that this year the contribution would probably be reduced to \$15,000. The Chamber of Commerce had already tentatively agreed to the 10 percent Transient Occupancy Tax reduction for 2009-10 and an

additional 6 percent cut for 2010-11. He gave the Council three options for the 2010-11 contributions and recommended the Council reduce contributions to the Chamber of Commerce and EDC as indicated, plus reduce the Historical Society and Museum of Flight down to \$15,000.

Hal Madson, Santa Maria Valley Historical Society, stated he was born and raised in Santa Maria, and the history of the City was being lost. The Historical Society's mission was to preserve that history. The Historical Society raised the money to build the building on City property and contributed the building to the City. In return the City gave the Historical Society a stipend to run the museum. He said they were aware that everyone had to economize. They were working on planning some fundraising events. He thanked the Council for its past help and said there was still the need for continued assistance.

Councilmember Zacarías thanked him for what the Historical Society did and for their fundraising efforts. She asked if they had seen any increase in contributions from their efforts.

Mr. Madson stated, in fact, contributions had gone down. People were not being too generous. They were planning fundraisers and trying to reform their Board to get more people involved who were tuned in to fundraising.

Mike Geddey, Santa Maria Museum of Flight, stated last year the Council approved their allocation as they had in previous years. The Council has supported the museum for 19 years. They could work with the \$15,000. If their contribution was going to be reduced, he would like to see the extra put to good use for the City.

Bob Hatch, Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, stated as in previous years, the Chamber has agreed to a cut in contributions. Sooner or later, the economy would turn around. The services provided to the City by the Chamber would not be reduced; but some changes would have to be made. If the economic downturn continued beyond next year, there would be changes in the Chamber.

On motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zacarías, and carried unanimously, the Council set contributions for 2010-11 from the 8 percent transient occupancy tax revenue to the Chamber of Commerce at \$283,570, the EDC at \$120,520, and the Historical Society at \$15,000. The Museum of Flight funding was also set at \$15,000.

- The amount of one-time Local Economic Augmentation Fund (LEAF) financing to use to finance on-going operational costs.

City Manager Ness reviewed the LEAF financing and the balance as of June 30, 2010, of \$7,716,397. The City had not allocated any funding to LEAF for the last three years. With the deferral of cost allocations, use of prior year savings, and the addition of some possible revenue enhancements, the deficit could be reduced to around \$6 million.

Consequently, staff was recommending authorization to finance up to 50 percent of the deficit from LEAF financing or \$6 million over the next two year period reducing the balance from \$7.7 million to about \$1.7 million.

Ernest Armenta asked where the LEAF funds came from and why City Manager Ness was recommending leaving \$1 million in the fund instead of using it all.

City Manager Ness explained it was money the City had set aside over the years. He stated if the economy was worse than staff was predicting, the remaining \$1.7 million would need to be used.

On motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried unanimously, the Council approved financing up to 50 percent of the budget deficit over the next two years with LEAF financing.

- Provide direction on three, six or nine percent reductions to departmental operating budgets on a prioritization basis.

City Manager Ness stated departments were asked to submit budget proposals of three, six and nine percent reductions. The three percent reduction across all departments would result in a savings of \$1.4 million to the General Fund. While the reductions would result in the elimination of some vacant positions, it would not impact service delivery or require any layoffs of filled positions. However, in the Police Department, it would require eliminating the vacant DARE Officer position, and two other vacant Police Officer positions. The two Police Officer positions would result in the redeployment of a Beat Coordinator and a School Resource Officer from their current assignments back into patrol. Aside from that, there would not be any other direct impact to the community. Staff was not recommending this option.

City Manager Ness then stated the next increment would be a three percent reduction for Public Safety (Police and Fire Departments) and six percent for all other General Fund departments. That was staff's recommendation. He reminded the Council of how leanly the City of Santa Maria was staffed compared to other neighboring cities. He said the nine percent reduction was being reserved in case the State of California raided more money from the City. At the three and six percent reductions, it would mean not filling three positions in the Police Department, layoffs of two to three full-time positions, five part-time 32-hour positions, and five limited service 19-hour positions.

Councilmember Zacarías stated she would not support eliminating the vacant positions and would rather freeze or unfund them.

Ernest Armenta stated he thought the reductions needed to be fair across the board.

On motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Mayor Lavagnino, and carried unanimously, the Council authorized staff to include a three percent reduction for Public

Safety, six percent for all other General Fund departments, and unfund certain vacant positions in the 2010-11 budget.

- To enter into discussions with the employee groups with the intent of continuing the Mandatory Time Off Program and other concession-related savings, or enter into discussions to increase said concessions.

City Manager Ness explained that all employee bargaining groups had agreed to concessions for calendar year 2010 saving approximately \$600,000 for fiscal year 2010-11. Those concessions would sunset in December 2010. Staff was looking for direction from Council on whether to factor in the same level of employee concessions as part of the budget approach and negotiate with the employee bargaining groups to extend the concessions or even enhance them. If the Council was interested in enhancing the furlough program for 2011 adding more days to the current 13 days, for instance 17 days to include the four days between Christmas and New Years, it would mean a 6 ½ percent cut in pay for employees. If the furlough days were extended to 8 additional days to include 2 weeks over Christmas and New Years, it would mean an 8 percent employee salary reduction. Staff was recommending Council give direction to include in the budget at least extending the current 13-day furlough program into the latter six months of fiscal year 2010-11.

On motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried unanimously, Council gave direction to staff to factor-in employee concessions as part of the multi-faceted budget approach and bring back at a later date concession options to explore.

- Once the State budget is passed and its financial impact to the City is known, bring back an item for Council's consideration on additional cuts to the General Fund budget.

City Manager Ness stated the State was facing a \$20 billion deficit, but they don't seem to be too concerned. Staff believed that cities, counties, and special districts would be required to help balance the State budget. Since 1992, the State had shifted \$23.5 million from the City of Santa Maria. Staff did not know when or how the State budget would be addressed. Once the State budget had been passed and its impacts known, staff would bring back a revised budget to address those impacts.

In years' past, prior to staff compiling the City's Biennial Budget, the City Council conducted a goal-setting exercise and developed a list of overall citywide priorities. In January 2008, the City Council conducted a similar goal-setting exercise that used 2006-08 goals and expanded upon them. Council had previously developed goals and/or priorities that were designed to address, enhance or embark upon new programs, services and activities. In previous years, there were adequate resources to finance and support such program and/or service enhancements. However, that was no longer the case. Because of the downturn in the local economy, the current General Fund budget (2009-10) was a product of deficit financing and did not include any new

program or service enhancements. Consequently, the challenge before the City Council for 2010-12 would be one of maintaining existing service levels in light of an \$8 million budget deficit and the continuation of dwindling General Fund revenues. He reviewed a list of proposed 2010-12 Citywide goals including:

1. Continue to place a high priority on public safety services
2. Address traffic safety issues
3. Better the quality of life for our next generation to come
4. Address health and safety issues through code compliance efforts
5. Explore revenue sources to augment General Fund revenues
6. Update the Land Use and Circulation Elements of the General Plan
7. Improve public facilities/infrastructure
8. Improve the overall housing stock by providing land zoned for a full range of densities that can encourage owner-occupied housing
9. Maintain a "structurally balanced" General Fund budget and continue to maintain adequate reserves for future years' financing
10. Address youth violence and identify mitigation measures
11. Improve overall energy conservation measures
12. Adopt a comprehensive vision for solid waste services

Councilmember Zacarías thanked staff for adding a goal of addressing youth violence. She asked that the words "in partnership with community" be added. No one entity can accept responsibility for such a comprehensive problem. The City could not do it on its own.

Councilmember Orach stated the last several years have been phenomenal with the number of things that have been accomplished even with the slow economy. He thanked the City Manager and staff.

On motion by Councilmember Zacarías, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried unanimously, Council approved the suggested 2010-12 City-wide goals to include the additional wording suggested by Councilmember Zacarías.

City Manager Ness thanked Assistant City Manager Haydon, Administrative Services Director Visé, and all the department heads for all their hard work. He also thanked the Council for their policy direction.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Ness reported on anticipated items for the April 6, 2010, City Council meeting including the first Measure A Local Program of Projects, the Annual Technical Amendments to the Municipal Code, the 2010 Investment Policy, awarding another bid for the stimulus funds, and four Notices of Completion for public works projects.

### **ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a Bringing Our Community Home meeting and a meeting at the landfill for the Clean Air Update, was Principal for a Day at Liberty School and attended the lunch at the Elks for that same program.

Councilmember Patino reported she attended the Women of Excellence Awards, a budget committee meeting at Santa Maria High School, was Principal for a Day at El Camino Junior High School and attended the lunch at the Elks, and the Committee INC and Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Mayor Lavagnino talked about the sale of legal fireworks and the City's process to allow groups to sell fireworks and suggested looking at the process used to select the non-profit groups. He reported he attended and sat on a panel for the Leadership Santa Maria Valley Government Day, the Mayor's Lunch, a Quarterly Schools meeting at Orcutt Union School District, the CCWA meeting, a Fire Badge Pinning Ceremony and swore in five new Fire Engineers, read to the students at Taylor and Adams Schools, and went to the Ruff Rollerz bout at the Armory.

Councilmember Zacarías reported she attended a Community Action Committee Board Meeting and Child Care Planning Council, spoke at a Women's Conference Planning Team meeting, continued participation in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, attended a Team Meeting for Future Search, and spoke at the Leadership Santa Maria Valley Government Day and at the Family Care Network.

Councilmember Orach stated he had nothing to report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:35 p.m. by Mayor Lavagnino in memory of Mr. Ed Geoffrey.